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Platform of the Democratic Party of New Mexico for 1916 Campaign

We, the Democratic party of the state of New Mexico, in convention assembled, at Santa Fe, this 30th day of August, 1916, hereby reaffirm our allegiance to the principles of Democracy as practiced by our national Democratic administration, and as declared in the Democratic platform adopted in convention at St. Louis on June 15, 1916.

We heartily endorse the national Democratic administration in its enactment of the greatest banking and currency law the country has ever had, and particularly in view of the complete failure of the Republican party in its behalf; in the reformation of the tariff after the Republican party had revised it upward instead of downward, as the people of the country had commissioned that party to do; in the creation of a trade commission after the Republican party had neglected this duty all its years; in doubling the size of the United States army and making provisions for general military training; in forming the greatest naval bill in the history of the country; in taking the tariff completely out of partisan politics by providing for a non-partisan tariff commission; in enacting the shipping bill which will rehabilitate the American merchant marine; in passing the good roads bill which will make available to New Mexico for good roads over a million and a half dollars; in amending the enlarged homestead act so as to make its provisions available to a vast number of our worthy homesteaders who were unable to obtain contiguous lands as required by the old law, and we point with pride to the immediate benefit that has accrued to the people of our state through the enactment of this law, as is evidenced by the thousands of things already made by our people in less than two months' operation of the law; that in enacting the rural credits bill, under the provisions of which the farmers of this country will be enabled to obtain credit on low rate of interest and very long time; in keeping the United States out of the terrible war that is devastating a large portion of Europe, and in keeping our own nation at peace with honor; in doing more for the country in three years than the Republican party did in sixteen years of continuous power.

The Democratic party is unwilling to abrogate the fundamental principle upon which our government is founded as declared in the Declaration of Independence, to-wit: That all Republican forms of government derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and we denounce the declaration in the Republican platform in regard to Mexico, which can and does mean nothing less than intervention and the establishment by force in that country of a government of our own making, thus involving our country in a war of conquest of the Mexican people, the sacrifice of the lives of thousands of Americans and Mexican citizens, the destruction of an enormous amount of property, the expenditure of immense sums of money, and the alienation of the respect and confidence of the citizens of every Latin-American republic and we therefore denounce as unpatriotic and as an attempt to transform this government into a tyranny which will impose upon the people of Mexico a government they do not wish.

We are fully confident that upon the establishment in Mexico, full reparation is so far as is possible, for the loss of American lives and full compensation for the loss of property of American citizens will be obtained through the peaceful process of diplomacy, and in accordance with the existing treaty obligations between the two countries.

We cordially and heartily endorse the honest, economical and patriotic administration of our governor, the Honorable William C. McDonald, and all other Democratic state officials.

We point with pride to the marked improvement in the educational institutions of the state, and especially to the great advancement made in the public schools under the present administration.

We highly commend the present system of road construction under which many hundreds of miles of good roads have been built during the present administration.

We point with especial pride to the honest and efficient management of the state penitentiary.

We condemn the action of the last Republican legislature in unlawfully unseating four duly elected representatives of the people.

We condemn no appropriation for the maintenance of the mounted police and the state militia.

We condemn the action of the last Republican legislature for its failure to enact just and adequate laws on taxation, notwithstanding it had a two-thirds majority in each branch thereof, obtained by the unlawful unseating of four Democratic members.

We favor the enactment of a law providing for the deposit with the state treasurer of all public funds held by state officials, whether in trust or otherwise, and for the placing of such funds at interest, and requiring all financial institutions holding such funds to give surety bonds, and we refer especially to the conduct of the business of the state land office, under which large amounts of money are held by the land commissioner without deposit in the state treasury, or in banks for income purposes for the benefit of the state.

We charge the Republican party with responsibility for intentionally so drafting the laws creating the office of state land commissioner, prescribing his duties, powers and limitations as such as to enable him to extensively aid and strengthen the party machine.

We condemn the present methods of permitting the state land commissioner to deposit the fund derived from state lands in banks for political and private gain without the state deriving any income as it should from this source.

We favor the enactment of a permanent endowment fund to be created from the moneys derived from the sale of state lands, the interest from this fund to be used in the maintenance of state institutions, and the permanent fund to be invested under proper state authority, according to the constitution and the laws of the state.

We recommend the immediate favorable action of the United States senate and the passage of the section grazing homestead bill.

We recommend the elimination from forest reservations of lands incapable of producing merchantable timber of commercial value, and are not essential to the protection of watersheds.

We further recommend that the forest homestead act of June 11, 1906, which permits entry of grazing lands in equal proportion to the agricultural lands listed and allowed for entry, and we further recommend that the act be amended to permit an entry of 320 acres.

We favor the enactment of a law empowering persons and corporations engaging in coal mining to condemn lands for right of way purposes.

We favor the enactment of a law providing for the furnishing of free school books to the school children of the state.

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"So Have We."

—Rochester Herald

Grand Jury To Work Next Week

The Union County Grand Jury for the present term returned seventeen indictments this morning. The indictments were not made public. Judge Leib instructed the jury to continue its work through next week. The petit jury will be empaneled Monday, and we understand it is Judge Leib's intention to clear the docket at this term of court.

Majority Increased

Serapio Miera has increased the majority. A fine new boy took up his abode at the Miera home about ten days ago. The young gentleman is a thorough democrat and expects to vote for his dad upon reaching his majority.

W. B. Lum, the plumber secured the contract of installing the heat system at the new Wikoff Garage. This contract calls for an entire system of steam heating with an ideal sectional steam boiler with a capacity of one thousand and five hundred square feet. Lum has also secured the contract of installing several furnaces and a vapor system.

We take pleasure in announcing to the people of Clayton and surrounding community that we are prepared to teach voice, pianoforte, organ, violin, mandolin and guitar music. All who are interested may call at the F. P. Kilburn residence or phone No. 97.

Mrs. J. C. Chamberlain and daughter.



THE MAN THAT AVERTED THE RAILROAD STRIKE

Democratic State Ticket Unassailable. Every Nominee Man of Honor and Ability

Santa Fe, Sept. 6.—The expected has happened. The Democratic party has named a splendid state ticket and goes before the people of the state confident that its action will be ratified in a more decisive manner at the polls on November 7.

The Democratic ticket is absolutely unassailable. Not a candidate on it is seeking "vindication." Not a candidate on it has an ugly official record, with a history of removal from office by an executive of his own party because of it. There are no tools of the Invisible Government in the list; no representatives of corporate greed and unequal taxation; no violators of ballot boxes and pilferers of elections; no framers of vicious legislation and promoters of unscrupulous politics. Nothing but clean, honest, capable, efficient Americans, who have achieved success and renown, and who stand four square to the wind of public opinion.

Andrius A. Jones, of Las Vegas, a national figure in the United States today, described by Governor McDonald before the Democratic convention as the "foremost citizen of New Mexico," whose work as first assistant secretary of the interior is a matter of statewide pride, and whose exceptional ability is recognized by the leading men of the country, is a Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator and stands as a tower of strength at the head of the ticket. In place beside him, as the congressional nominee, is the State Senator William B. Walton, of Grant county, a man who for years has been one of the most earnest and determined workers for the Democratic cause, in his county and in the state; who has been repeatedly honored by the people of his district, and who is particularly qualified to represent New Mexico in the lower house of Congress. "You have nominated for Congress," the state executive told the convention, "a man who will carry the banner of Democracy as few men can carry it."

In nominating Ezequiel C. de Baca, of San Miguel county, for governor of New Mexico, the Democratic party announced to the world that with in its ranks every citizen of the state is regarded only as an American, and that every man is judged solely on his merits and honored in accordance with them.

And behind Ezequiel C. de Baca,

KINDERGARTEN DISCONTINUED

Owing to the overcrowded condition and the lack of adequate school facilities, the Board of Education is compelled to discontinue the kindergarten work in our school. This action is to take effect, Monday, September 11th, and will exclude all children under six years of age, the children in the First Primary who are six years old, and over will be placed in second primary and will constitute the beginning class of the first grade. Beginning pupils in the first grade will not be admitted after October 1st, until the organization of the beginning class in the second term of the school year. The Board of Education regret very much that they are compelled to take this action, and sincerely hope that the patrons of the school and the citizens of Clayton will lose no more time in making provisions for adequate school facilities. The boys and girls of Clayton and vicinity deserve the best educational advantages obtainable. Their destiny and the future citizenship of this community depend largely upon this. Let every patriotic citizen show his loyalty by the works in boosting for better school facilities and better schools.

Signed: J. E. Chamberlain,
Superintendent

stands William C. McDonald, present governor of the state, and the ablest and best executive in the long list of those who have presided over the destinies of New Mexico.

Antonio Lucero, one of the most popular men in New Mexico, was renominated for secretary of state in recognition of what he has accomplished in that position. H. L. Hall, nominee for state treasurer, is one of the most successful and substantial business men of Rio Arriba county. Harry L. Patton, named for attorney general, is a brilliant lawyer who formerly served the government as assistant U. S. district attorney, and Neil B. Field, nominated for the supreme bench, is recognized as one of the ablest jurists in the entire Southwest. J. L. G. Swinney, the next Superintendent of public institution, has made an enviable record as school superintendent in San Juan county and as a member of the state board of education. George A. Davidson, selected for land commissioner, has shown what he can do with big business responsibilities as Treasurer of Chavez county. Former Governor Miguel A. Otero and Bonifacio Montoya, nominated, respectfully, for state auditor and corporation commissioner, have been leading Progressives for several years. Governor Otero was the Republican executive who eliminated Frank A. Hubbell, Republican candidate for U. S. senator, as a county officer in Bernalillo county, and who turned down the nefarious Hawkins damage suit bill—a bill which, after being passed over his veto, was annulled by the Congress of the United States. Mr. Montoya is a sterling advocate of good government, and has made good as superintendent of schools of Sandoval county, and as a member of the state educational board.

Three of the best selections possible were made for presidential electors—Felix Garcia, Jose A. Chavez and James N. Upton.

The Democratic state ticket was endorsed by the state convention of Progressives and Independents, held on August 31—Sept. 1, and Progressives and Independents will join in with the Democrats in the fight this year.

X. B. Herald of Grandview, was a trader and business visitor in the county seat the fore part of the week.